



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

November 2022

November 10th. "LIVE MEETING"

Abbey Watts: Guelph's Zoning By-Laws

Presentation:

The City of Guelph initiated the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review to create a new Zoning Bylaw for the city. Abby will provide an overview of the project, including what a zoning bylaw is, the goals of the new zoning bylaw, the project schedule and how to get involved.

Bio:

Abby is the Project Manager for the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review at the City of Guelph. She is a Registered Professional Planner and has a Masters in Planning from the University of Waterloo. Abby has worked for the City of Guelph for over 11 years in different positions, including zoning coordinator, policy planner and development planner.



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

November 24th. “LIVE MEETING”

Ian Evans: Bicycling Across Canada

Presentation:

I have always wanted to ride across Canada, and what a better time to undertake this expedition than 2021, when international travel and cross-border excursions are restricted due to the COVID pandemic. A truly 100% all-Canadian adventure covering over 8,000 kms, climbing 56,000 metres, from the furthest westerly coastal point to furthest easterly point and touching every province - a ride across our continent. This expedition was special for me in another way in that my wife, Liz joined me by supporting the expedition in our camper van, enabling me to travel much lighter than on previous treks.

Once leaving our starting point in Prince Rupert, BC the 84-day expedition had numerous challenges. From the heat and forest fires in BC, the unexpected predominant easterly headwinds and bomb-site roads across the Prairies and the nightmare cycling conditions across the “Transport truck Grand Prix” route of highway 11 in northern Ontario. Days in the saddle were much longer than anticipated, including one memorable ride of 12 hours covering 170 kms into a raging headwind in Alberta. All of this was more than made up for by the tranquility of the Ottawa Valley, the eclectic nature of small-town Quebec, the ocean cycling routes of the Maritimes and the fun and characters in Newfoundland.

Memories include the warm welcome we received across the country, those rare tailwind days when 200 kms seemed no issue, the camper van challenges with repairs and waste hose disasters, the drivers with horn-tooting encouragement and the many laughs and absurd situations that unfolded along the way.

We reached our goal of raising \$10,000 for the Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF). The Foundation has been a pillar of our community for a long time, providing funding for many worthy local initiatives, notably the **CW COVID-19 Community Response Fund**, which we supported on this expedition

Bio:

Ian has embraced adventure all his life - from scaling the shed roof at aged 3 to skiing to the South Pole at aged 58. He has also climbed 5 of the "7 Summits" ", cycled 5,000 KMS solo & unsupported across Australia (twice) around the coastline of Iceland and to the Arctic Ocean and run 10 marathons.

But the thing about Ian is that he is an ordinary guy, from a rural background in England, who has decided to push himself to achieve extraordinary things at the very edge of his own comfort zone. He is not an explorer, world record holder or super-fit world-class endurance athlete, but is a Chartered Accountant who has led in many ways a regular life. Ian has worked for 25 years in Africa and Canada operating his own consulting practice specializing in the restructuring and refinancing of transportation companies.

Ian's latest expedition in 2021 was to cycle 8,000 km across Canada from Prince Rupert in B.C. To Cape Spear Newfoundland while raising \$10,000.00 for the Community Foundations of Canada.

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Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings For December

Christmas Luncheon-December 8th. 11:30am
Please visit activities desk to purchase tickets

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

November 3rd. and November 17th.
RCMC Live Coffee at the following locations.

9:30 am at the Boathouse Tea Room (116 Gordon St, Guelph

9:00 am or before the Airpark Cafe(50 Skyway Dr, Guelph) -The AirPark Cafe serves a full breakfast and they open at 7am so you for early risers, you can go anytime after 7am.

There will be an Ad Hoc after coffee walk available at the boathouse.

Activities & Events

November 11th. Remembrance Day - Sleeman's Centre
November 11th. Lunch at Diana's Downtown
November 18th. V.B.A. Cabaret
Christmas Luncheon December 8th.

More news to come regarding activities and live coffee mornings
Refer to the website often

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.
If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca

Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.